

UNCLASSIFIED

Current Class: [REDACTED]
Current Handling: n/a
Document Number: 1979BUENOS00147

Page: 1

Channel: n/a

<<<<.>>>>

PAGE 01 BUENOS 00147 052055Z
ACTION HA-05

1/5/79

No 14 R

INFO OCT-01 ARA-11 ISO-00 IO-14 SS-15 NSC-05 CIAE-00
INR-10 NSAE-00 L-03 H-01 DODE-00 /065 W
-----081691 061126Z /12

R 052027Z JAN 79
FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8959
INFO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny

Exemption(s):

Declassify: ☐ In Part ☒ In Full

☐ Classify as ☐ Extend as ☐ Downgrade to

Date ☐ Declassify on ☐ Reason ☐

[REDACTED] BUENOS AIRES 0147

E.O. 12065 GDS 1-5-85 (THAYER, YVONNE OR-P
TAGS SHUM, AR, CI
SUBJECT ARGENTINE MISTRATMENT OF CHILEAN RESIDENTS

REF: A BUENOS AIRES 10077, B BUENOS AIRES 9939

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE ARGENTINE INTERIOR MINISTRY IN A STATEMENT JANUARY 4 REJECTED AS AN "INSIDIOUS CAMPAIGN" RECENT CHILEAN CHARGES OF MISTREATMENT OF CHILEAN CITIZENS IN ARGENTINA. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED JANUARY 5 THAT THE MININT HAD ORDERED THE RELEASE OF FORMER CHILEAN SENATOR RAUL MORALES ADRIAZZOLA. A DELEGATION OF CHILEAN CITIZENS ARRIVED IN BUENOS AIRES JANUARY 3 TO APPEAL TO INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY FOR THE RELEASE OF CHILEAN CITIZENS DETAINED IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING ADRIAZZOLA. AN EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTED THAT FEARFUL CHILEAN RESIDENTS HAVE ABANDONED THE CITY OF SALTA AFTER ONE CHILEAN JOURNALIST DISAPPEARED AND ANOTHER WAS DETAINED CLANDESTINELY FOR FOUR DAYS. THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTEDLY OFFICIALLY PROTESTED TO GOA FOR THE BAD TREATMENT AND KIDNAPPING OF CHILEAN CITIZENS AND INTIMIDATION OF CHILEAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE ARGENTINE INTERIOR MINISTRY ISSUED A STATEMENT JANUARY 4 DENYING CHILEAN CLAIMS THAT ARGENTINA

PAGE 02 BUENOS 00147 052055Z

WAS AGGRESSIVELY EXPELLING CHILEAN CITIZENS. THE STATEMENT CLAIMED THE MIGRATIONS OFFICE WAS CHARGED WITH

Current Class: [REDACTED]

Page: 1

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

Current Class: [REDACTED]
Current Handling: n/a
Document Number: 1979BUENOS00147

Page: 2

Channel: n/a

CARRYING OUT THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY REGARDING ILLEGAL RESIDENTS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OF NATIONALITY. IT SAID THAT DURING LAST YEAR 2,175 PEOPLE WERE EXPELLED FROM ARGENTINA, INCLUDING URUGUAYANS, PARAGUAYANS, BOLIVIAN, CHILEANS, KOREANS AND PERUVIANS, WHILE 70,428 REGULARIZED THEIR STATUS AND WERE PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY. THE INTERIOR MNISTRY ALSO REVEALED THAT IT HAD ORDERED THE RELEASE OF FORMER CHILEAN SENATOR RAUL MORALES ADRIAZZOLA. (HIS ACTUAL RELEASE HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED.)

3. (U) A DELEGATION OF CHILEAN CITIZENS, INCLUDING LAWYER FRANCISCO DIAZ SALAZAR, FORMER SENATOR ARMANDO JARAMILLO, RETIRED COLONEL FERNANDO MUNIZAGA, INDUSTRIALIST OSCAR BOYTIA AND AGRICULTURALIST DOMINGO VIDAL, ARRIVED IN BUENOS AIRES JANUARY 3 TO CONSULT WITH INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY AND ARGENTINE LAWYERS TO FACILITATE THE RELEASE OF CHILEAN CITIZENS DETAINED IN ARGENTINA. THE DELEGATION WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CASE OF ADRIAZZOLA WHO WAS DESCRIBED AS "PERSECUTED DURING THE MARXIST REGIME OF SALVADOR ALLENDE".

4. [REDACTED] AN ARGENTINE JOURNALIST FROM SALTA TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 4 THAT THE ENTIRE CHILEAN POPULATION OF THAT CITY HAD LEFT, MORE OUT OF FEAR THAN THROUGH DIRECT POLICE ACTION. THE CHILEAN EXODUS ACCELERATED WHEN, ON DECEMBER 28, SEVEN HOODED MEN TOOK AWAY CHILEAN JOURNALIST RUBEN GOMEZ QUESADA FROM HIS HOME AT 1:30 AM. GOMEZ QUESADA, A LONG TIME ARGENTINE RESIDENT WHOSE WIFE AND CHILDREN ARE ARGENTINE, WORKED FOR THE SALTA NEWSPAPER EL INTRNASIGENTE. DURING THE RAID THE GOMEZ HOUSE WAS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PAGE 03 BUENOS 00147 052055Z

RANSACKED AND MONEY STOLEN. THE INCIDENT FOLLOWED A SIMILAR ONE INVOLVING ANOTHER CHILEAN WHO REAPPEARED AFTER FOUR DAYS. GOMEZ IS STILL MISSING.

5. (U) THE WIRE SERVICES REPORTED JANUARY 2 THAT THE CHILEA GOVERNMENT PROTESTED TO GOA OVER THE TREATMENT AND KIDNAPPING OF CHILEAN CITIZENS AND THE INTIMIDATION CAMPAIGN AND THREATS CARRIED OUT AGAINST CHILEAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS. IT ALSO CHARGED THAT MANY CHILEANS EXPELLED FROM ARGENTINE SUFFERED "SERIOUS MORAL AND ECONOMIC DAMAGE." THE PROTEST MENTIONED CASES OF ARBITRARY DETENTIONS AND ASSERTED SPECIFICALLY THAT

Current Class: [REDACTED]

Page: 2

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

Current Class: [REDACTED]
Current Handling: n/a
Document Number: 1979BUENOS00147

Page: 3

Channel: n/a

"ARMED GROUPS ARE DETAINING AND KIDNAPPING CHILEAN RESIDENTS IN SALTA, INCLUDING MARIO DEL CARMEN GONZALEZ AND OSCAR MIRANDA". THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT ASKED THAT ARGENTINE OFFICIALS TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT THESE ACTIONS AND TO REAFFIRM SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR CHILEAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS.
CASTRO

[REDACTED]
NNN

Current Class: [REDACTED]

Page: 3

UNCLASSIFIED